

# 2023 Annual Traffic Report



# Five Year Comparison Summary

## Traffic Offence Charges

### Introduction

The SPS Traffic Unit continued their fervor for road safety unabated in 2023, despite an increased reliance at times on call for service support to Patrol and other specialized units. Collaborative partnerships were maintained with both police and non-police agencies. The year also saw a strengthening and renewal of internal capabilities as a number of Traffic personnel expanded their professional certifications through educational opportunities. The net effect in 2023 was maintenance of a full-service Traffic Unit, committed to and engaged in a variety of critical road safety education and enforcement initiatives.

### Speed Violations

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Previous 5-Year Average	% Chg 5-Year Average
Speed in a school zone/playground	1,987	2,567	1,002	1,759	837	<b>145</b>	1,630	-91.1%
Speed (Traffic Safety Act and Bylaw)	12,208	10,193	5,877	6,781	6,678	<b>4,151</b>	8,347	-50.3%
Speed, exceeding 35 km/h over limit	333	260	157	201	165	<b>169</b>	223	-24.3%
Speed, exceeding 50 km/h over limit	42	36	59	57	35	<b>47</b>	46	2.6%
<b>Total Speed Violations</b>	<b>14,570</b>	<b>13,056</b>	<b>7,095</b>	<b>8,798</b>	<b>7,715</b>	<b>4,512</b>	<b>10,247</b>	<b>-56.0%</b>

### Distracted Driving Offences

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Previous 5-Year Average	% Chg 5-Year Average
Drive without due care and attention	427	468	367	339	245	<b>324</b>	369	-12.2%
Use/hold/view cellphone	2,806	2,391	1,403	1,374	1,298	<b>2,349</b>	1,854	26.7%
<b>Total Distracted Driving Violations</b>	<b>3,233</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>20.2%</b>



### Other Offences

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Previous 5-Year Average	% Chg 5-Year Average
Disobey red traffic light	722	621	685	778	629	<b>651</b>	687	-5.2%
Drive unregistered motor vehicle	2,205	1,901	1,177	4	895	<b>1,343</b>	1,236	8.6%
Seatbelt	1,200	1,040	700	791	699	<b>1,098</b>	886	23.9%
Racing	12	14	45	18	10	<b>29</b>	20	46.5%
U-turn (including school zones)	330	311	110	122	64	<b>38</b>	187	-79.7%
Disqualified/suspended driver	1,484	1,081	883	831	1,164	<b>834</b>	1,089	-23.4%
Cause loud/unnecessary noise	27	26	40	30	13	<b>9</b>	27	-66.9%
Stunting	79	86	109	123	81	<b>89</b>	96	-6.9%
<b>Total Other Offences</b>	<b>6,059</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>3,749</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>4,228</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>



### Criminal Code Traffic Violations

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Previous 5-Year Average	% Chg 5-Year Average
Criminal Code Traffic Violations	752	638	720	784	744	<b>627</b>	728	-13.8%
Dangerous Operation of Motor Vehicle	264	207	250	274	278	<b>281</b>	255	10.4%
Impaired Operation of Motor Vehicle	394	333	350	395	353	<b>248</b>	365	-32.1%
Other Criminal Code Traffic	94	98	120	115	113	<b>98</b>	108	-9.3%
<b>Total Criminal Code Traffic Violations</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>1,488</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>-13.8%</b>

## Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

Seven-Year Totals of ASE, including on Circle Drive and in school/playground zones throughout the city.

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ASE on Circle Drive	31,322	22,430	16,192	25,361	17,552	20,147	24,284
ASE in school/playground zones	9,038	10,124	8,894	5,964	9,410	10,963	20,440
Total ASE	40,360	32,554	25,086	31,325	26,962	<b>31,110</b>	<b>44,724</b>

\*SGI Data- Above numbers are violations, a violation may not result in the issuance of a ticket

## Red Light Camera Program

The City of Saskatoon administers the Red Light Camera program. SPS provides a member to review and approve the violations.

Year	2021	2022	2023
In Province	13,672	12,402	14,512
Out of Province	554	758*	1,044
Total Red-Light Camera	14,226	<b>13,160</b>	<b>15,556</b>

\*487 out of Province pending, City of Saskatoon Data



## Collisions

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Previous 5-Year Average	% Chg 5-Year Average
Property damage	5,543	5,029	3,268	3,583	3,894	<b>3,660</b>	4,263	-14.2%
Personal injury	596	608	407	464	514	<b>571</b>	518	10.3%
Fatality	4	4	5	5	9	<b>4</b>	5	-25.9%
<b>Total*</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>5,641</b>	<b>3,680</b>	<b>4,057</b>	<b>4,447</b>	<b>4,275</b>	<b>4,794</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>

\*Data obtained from SPS RMS, total numbers may differ from provincial SGI numbers.



When observing collision data for the past several years, 2023 saw a decrease in total collisions over 2022. 2023 continues to remain below the five-year average for collisions.

The Operational focus regarding enforcement continues to emphasize those offences known to pose the greatest risk to public safety, known as the “Big Four”:

1. Distracted Driving (cellphone use)
2. Aggressive Driving (speed & hazardous driving behaviors)
3. Passenger Restraints (use of seatbelts)
4. Impaired Driving

Enforcement of distracted driving saw an increase over the 2022 numbers and remains above the Five-year average. Other areas of enforcement are down for 2023 which can be attributed to a number of factors:

- As was seen in 2022, there were a large number of protest marches and walks. These events commonly occur on public roadways; primarily we utilized traffic members to ensure safety for all participants. In 2023 saw approximately 100 of these events of which accounted for over 1600 hours being reallocated away from regular duties.
- Traffic Unit had 2 vacant positions additionally several members were off due to injury or illness which prevented them from their regular duties.
- Traffic member spent approximately 1100 hours assisting patrol for priority calls for service to support Patrol Division.
- School/Playground Speed Zone changes - High schools were removed from 30 km/hr speed zones, many of which are located on high volume roadways.

SPS Traffic Unit reposted

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Back to school is one month in and the SPS is reminding motorists that the 30 km/h school and playground zone speed limit is in effect year-round from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 7 days a week, including holidays.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend, #yxe.

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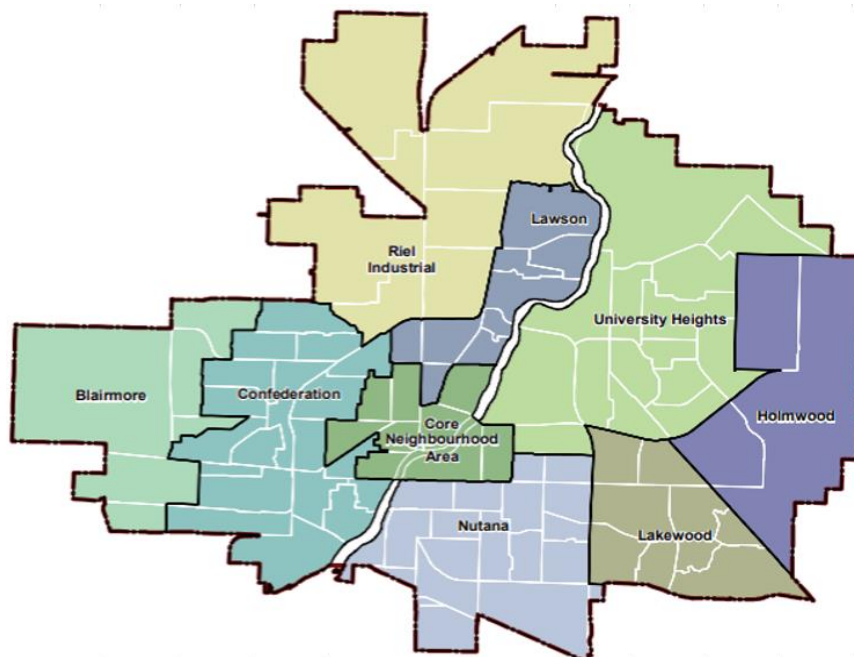


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**7 DAYS A WEEK.**

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## Enforcement by Neighborhood and Suburban Development Areas (SDA)



Top 10 Neighbourhoods	SDA	2023 Tickets
Central Business District	Core	2,616
North Industrial	Riel	1,253
Airport Business Area	Riel	766
City Park	Core	755
Caswell Hill	Core	697
Riversdale	Core	529
Central Industrial	Lawson	513
Pleasant Hill	Core	465
Silverspring	University Heights	416
Varsity View	Core	389



*Enforcement by SDA and Neighbourhood Cont'd*

<b>Riel Industrial</b>	<b>2023 Tickets</b>
North Industrial	1,253
Airport Business Area	766
Marquis Industrial	337
Hudson Bay Industrial	290
Airport MA	77
Agriplace	39
North Development Area	1

<b>Lawson SDA</b>	<b>2023 Tickets</b>
Central Industrial	513
Kelsey - Woodlawn	339
Mayfair	229
River Heights	106
Lawson Heights Suburban Centre	70
Silverwood Heights	65
Richmond Heights	42
Lawson Heights	31
North Park	21

<b>Confederation SDA</b>	<b>2023 Tickets</b>
Mount Royal	337
Confederation Suburban Centre	268
Meadowgreen	191
West Industrial	139
Hudson Bay Park	121
Confederation Park	106
Parkridge	87
Massey Place	56
Fairhaven	54
Westview	40
Dundonald	37
Hampton Village	37
Montgomery Place	37
Pacific Heights	29
CN Yards MA	28
South West Industrial	23
Agpro Industrial	17
SaskPower MA	14
Holiday Park	6
Gordie Howe MA	5

<b>University Heights</b>	<b>2023 Tickets</b>
Silverspring	416
U of S MA	388
U of S Lands North MA	385
Evergreen	356
Willowgrove	262
Sutherland	181
Aspen Ridge	140
University Heights Suburban Centre	128
Forest Grove	107
U of S Lands South MA	97
Sutherland Industrial	76
University Heights Development Area	56
Arbor Creek	53
Erindale	47

<b>Holmwood SDA</b>	<b>2023 Tickets</b>
Holmwood Development Area	91
Brighton	88

<b>Nutana SDA</b>	<b>2023 Tickets</b>
Brevoort Park	338
Grosvenor Park	335
Holliston	256
Greystone Heights	255
CN Industrial	232
Haultain	221
Buena Vista	174
Stonebridge	122
Exhibition	104
Nutana Park	66
Nutana Suburban Centre	59
Avalon	54
S.E. Development Area	21
Eastview	20
Adelaide/Churchill	14
Queen Elizabeth	11
Diefenbaker MA	10
The Willows	-

<b>Blairmore</b>	<b>2023 Tickets</b>
Blairmore Development Area	21
Blairmore Suburban Centre	332
Elk Point	55
Kensington	15
SouthWest Development Area	32

<b>Core Neighbourhoods</b>	<b>2023 Tickets</b>
Central Business District	2,616
City Park	755
Caswell Hill	697
Riversdale	529
Pleasant Hill	465
Varsity View	389
Nutana	350
Westmount	197
King George	45

<b>Lakewood SDA</b>	<b>2023 Tickets</b>
College Park	371
Wildwood	348
Briarwood	236
College Park East	236
Rosewood	124
Lakeview	79
Hillcrest Management Area	53
Lakewood Suburban Centre	47
Lakeridge	8